

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005.

Applicant has cancelled the pending claims and submits new claims 48 – 81.

Applicant submits that new claims 48 – 79 are allowable over the cited art.

For example, claim 48 recites as follows:

48. (New) A computer-implemented method for associating a first block diagram with a user interface element, the method comprising:

displaying the user interface element, wherein the user interface element has an appearance that is separate from any data displayed in the user interface element;

receiving user input specifying the first block diagram to associate with the user interface element, wherein the first block diagram includes a plurality of interconnected nodes; and

associating the first block diagram with the user interface element, wherein the first block diagram is operable to change characteristics affecting the appearance of the user interface element.

Applicant submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combination of elements set out above, and at least specifically does not teach or suggest: associating a block diagram with a user interface element, wherein the block diagram is operable to change characteristics affecting the appearance of the user interface element.

Applicant submits that each of the independent claims, and those dependent thereon, are allowable for at least the reasons given above.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-46000/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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Respectfully submitted,



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